

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Submitted by Diane Stevens, Town Secretary

December 22, 2014

Present: Mr. John Goerlach, Chairman
Mr. Robert Ericson
Mr. Henry Sayers
Mr. Paul Sieloff, Town Administrator

Warrants: Warrants Signed

The meeting was opened by John Goerlach at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Timothy Coons of 24 Gulf Road came before the Board regarding an issue with Unistress encroaching on his property. Mr. Coons stated that he has spoken with Michael Douglas from Unistress who has since dropped all communications with him. Mr. Goerlach asked if he had spoken to the Building Inspector and Mr. Coons stated that he had not. Mr. Goerlach said that the Board would research the issue and get back to him.[#1]

Permit(s), Contract(s), Use of Town Property and Appointment(s)

Use of Town Owner Property/Russell Freedman – Gas Pipeline Meeting

Russell Freedman of 55 Corey Road came before the Board to secure the use of the Community Room for an informational meeting regarding the gas pipeline that is coming through the Town. Motion 14-211. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the use the Community Room on January 15, 2015 from 7 – 9:30 p.m., seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Mr. Sayers asked Mr. Sieloff to please extend an invitation to the representatives of the gas pipeline to attend this meeting.[#2]

Use of Town Owned Property - Avon

Nicole Eiser filed an Application for Permit to use the Community Room for monthly Avon meetings. Mr. Sieloff asked the Board to approve a fee of \$75 per meeting which is \$25 per hour for the group to use the room which they use for approximately 3 hours per meeting. Motion 14-212. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the use of the Community Room for monthly Avon meetings at a rate of \$25 per hour, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted.[#3]

Selectmen to Approve and Sign Licenses for 2015

Motion 14-213. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 All Alcohol Restaurant Licenses as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Motion 14-214. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 All Alcohol Package Store Licenses as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Motion 14-215. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 Common Victualler Licenses as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Motion 14-216. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 Motor Vehicle Junk License – Class III of Sayer's Auto Wrecking, Inc. seconded John Goerlach. Motion carried 2-0. Henry Sayers abstained from vote. Motion 14-217. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 Used Car Dealer's License – Class II as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Motion 14-218. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 Entertainment Licenses as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Motion 14-219. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the 2015 Golf Driving Range and Miniature Golf Range Licenses as listed in a Memorandum from the Town Secretary to the Board of Selectmen dated December 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. [#4]

Potter Mountain Road Gate Closed at request of Environmental Police

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that the gate at Potter Mountain Road has now been closed and will remain closed per the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Mr. Goerlach asked if was necessary to have a gate and Mr. Sayers stated that they needed it for emergency access.

Inter-Municipal Agreement - Approval of Transfer of Water District Collector Services to Town Tax Collector

Mr. Sieloff told the Board that he had not received the contract from Town Counsel and will get back to the Board once it is received.

Approval of Selectmen's Fee Schedule

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a proposed schedule of license fees which will take effect in 2016 for their review and approval. Mr. Sieloff stated that the Department of Revenue asks municipalities to look for other alternatives to add to revenues. Mr. Sayers thinks the general business fee proposed is too low. Mr. Sieloff stated that since it is a new fee the Town will begin at the lower amount of \$50.00. Motion 14-221. Motion made by Henry Sayers to approve the Town of Lanesborough License Fee Schedule, seconded by Robert Ericson. Unanimously voted.[#5]

Use of Town Property Policy and Fee Schedule - notify room users

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a proposed Facility Use Policy for their review and approval. Mr. Sieloff stated that he has not heard from Town counsel regarding the use of the outside facilities and he will bring it back once he has heard from Town Counsel.[#6]

Rabies Clinic at Town Highway Garage

Darlene Newton and Marvin Michalak came before the Board to seek approval to use the Town Garage for a rabies clinic which will be held on February 9, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Motion 14-220. Motion made by Henry Sayers to allow the use of the Town Garage for a rabies clinic on February 9, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Mr. Goerlach asked Mr. Sieloff to place this on the Town Bulletin.[#7]

On a side note, Mr. Michalak updated the Board as to the progress of the Police Advisory Board with the Police Chief search.

Proposed Recreation Committee Bylaws

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with proposed Bylaws for the Recreation Committee. Mr. Ericson proposed changes to the original draft. Mr. Goerlach wants the new version to be submitted to the Recreation Committee for their review.[#8]

Town Meeting Article relating to Orebed Road Waterline Project – send out engineer proposals

Mr. Sieloff wanted to keep this on the agenda to state that the Town is still working on the project. He stated that the Department of Environmental Protection wants a letter from the Town in January stating that the Town will finish the project by November 2015 as well as several other milestones. Mr. Sieloff will bring the letter from the Department of Environmental Protection at the next meeting. He stated that the Board of Water Commissioners have been very supportive. Mr. Goerlach wants the Highway Department to do some testing. Mr. Sieloff stated that DPW Director William Decelles is working on that and Mr. Sieloff will check with him on the status.

Other business which could not have been reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of the meeting.

None.

Selectmen's Items

Mr. Goerlach stated that he had been reported to the State Ethics Commission for obtaining permits in Town and purchasing an old Town vehicle. He stated that he had responded to the issues and that Town Counsel has the information and is reviewing it.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with drawings for work at the Police Station given to him by DPW Director William Decelles. Mr. Goerlach stated that he thought the metal structure would not be aesthetically pleasing and asked about the McCann Technical School's proposal. Mr. Sieloff stated that he had not heard back from McCann. Mr. Sieloff stated we would wait to hear from McCann and compare. Mr. Sayers stated that the metal structure could be purchased in any color. [#9]

Mr. Sieloff updated that Board about Wiredwest's proposed update of fiber optics in Town. Mr. Sieloff recommended that the Town wait 6 to 12 months to see about getting fiber optic in Town. The Board agreed. Mr. Sieloff stated that he attends the once monthly meetings and will keep the Board informed. Mr. Sieloff stated that there have been problems with new residents trying to obtain internet connections in certain areas of Town.

Mr. Sieloff spoke about the proposed gas pipeline system. Mr. Sieloff stated that nothing will happen in the immediate future and that the construction will not be dramatic as the line will run along the existing electrical lines. He stated that approximately 19 properties will be affected and that he will contact the company's representatives to let them know about the residents meeting on January 15th. Mr. Sieloff stated that this could make for extended gas services in Town through Berkshire Gas.

Approve Minutes

Approval of the December 8, 2014 Minutes will be placed on the January 12, 2015 Agenda.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Robert Ericson, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Footnotes:

[#1] Letter from Timothy Coons

[#2] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – Russell Freedman

[#3] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – Nicole Eiser – Avon

[#4] Memorandum from Town Secretary to Board of Selectmen – 2015 Licenses

[#5] Proposed License Fee Schedule

[#6] Proposed Facility Use Policy

[#7] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – Darlene Newton – Rabies Clinic

[#8] Proposed Recreation Committee Bylaws

[#9] Drawings – Police